



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 25, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 14 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 11 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 70.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph to 77.7 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 87.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Jennings to 98.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah. Light to moderate precipitation was received throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the east central part of the State with an average of 2.88 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 25, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, mature	100	91	100	98
Corn, harvested	65	36	79	67
Cotton, setting bolls	100	99	100	100
Cotton, open bolls	33	23	64	46
Hay, second cutting	94	91	95	88
Rice, headed	98	95	100	100
Rice, mature	82	73	97	92
Rice, harvested	66	50	75	69
Sorghum, mature	93	92	97	95
Sorghum, harvested	84	61	77	69
Soybeans, setting pods	100	98	100	99
Soybeans, turning color	44	36	74	66
Soybeans, dropping leaves	27	19	51	45
Soybeans, mature	17	12	38	34
Soybeans, harvested	8	5	22	15
Sugarcane, planted	24	18	35	34
Sweet potatoes, harvested	2	1	2	4

Crop condition for week ending August 25, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	7	38	48	7
Cotton	0	3	26	63	8
Livestock	0	5	31	59	5
Pasture	1	5	36	53	5
Soybeans	1	5	29	55	10
Sugarcane	1	5	23	55	16
Sweet potatoes	0	7	32	60	1
Vegetables	0	14	37	49	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Rice was harvested between showers. Disease pressure continued building in soybeans especially in fields that flooded. Sugarcane planting continued.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Rainy weather slowed rice harvest and prevented sugarcane planting and hay harvest. Cattle ranchers continued to wean calves and market them.”

–Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Excessive amounts of rainfall delayed rice harvest last week going into the weekend. Pastures were still wet with no time to dry. On the bright side grass and hay fields continued to grow as they are getting adequate moisture.”

– Bradley Pousson, Cameron Parish

“Wet week around the parish. Anywhere from one to four inches of rain fell during the week. Mostly on weekend. Rice farmers had a hard time harvesting with constant afternoon rains. Yields were affected.”

– James Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Cloudy damp weather halted field progress for most parish growers. Wet weather kept sugarcane planters out of the field and may make it difficult to start grinding in mid-September. Some sugarcane growers were treating for West Indian Cane flies. Soybean growers were anxious to start harvesting ripe, defoliated soybeans. Rice producers were waiting for drier conditions to continue harvesting. As harvest is delayed, hay fields became rank with weeds. Gardeners were waiting for dry conditions to plant fall vegetables. Okra harvest is being impacted by wet conditions.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 25, 2019

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm ¹	DFN ²	One Week	Rain Days	DFN ²	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN ²
Northwest										
Minden	97.7	76.7	87.2	81.8	5.4	0.23	2	-0.31	2.02	-0.31
Mooringsport	96.3	75.4	85.9	82.5	3.3	0.00	0	-0.68	0.30	-2.37
Red River	96.2	77.0	86.6	82.6	3.9	(NA)	0	-0.43	1.99	-0.51
Shreveport	97.3	73.9	85.6	82.6	3.0	0.00	0	-0.56	1.62	-1.19
Extreme/Average	96.9	75.8	86.3	82.4	3.9	0.08	2	-0.49	1.48	-1.09
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	92.9	72.1	82.5	80.4	2.1	0.10	1	-0.50	1.21	-1.21
Extreme/Average	92.9	72.1	82.5	80.9	2.1	0.10	1	-0.50	1.21	-1.21
Northeast										
Lake Providence	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
St Joseph	96.2	70.5	83.4	82.1	1.2	0.16	2	-0.38	2.35	-0.79
Tallulah	98.0	73.0	85.5	81.6	3.7	0.00	0	-0.11	0.72	-0.46
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	97.1	71.8	84.4	81.9	2.4	0.08	2	-0.24	1.54	-0.62
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	94.7	71.9	83.3	81.0	2.2	2.46	5	1.67	4.35	1.09
Natchitoches	95.6	74.6	85.1	83.2	1.9	0.37	2	-0.48	1.60	-1.28
Extreme/Average	95.2	73.2	84.2	81.9	2.1	1.42	5	0.59	2.97	-0.09
Central										
Alexandria	93.6	74.7	84.1	83.1	1.1	0.12	1	-0.77	3.93	0.10
Bunkie	92.9	73.7	83.3	82.0	1.3	0.82	5	-0.10	7.20	3.92
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	83.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	92.1	73.7	82.9	82.4	0.5	0.59	2	-0.27	3.69	0.66
New Roads	92.3	75.0	83.7	82.8	0.8	1.30	1	0.80	1.86	-1.68
Extreme/Average	92.7	74.3	83.5	82.8	0.9	0.71	5	-0.08	4.17	0.75
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.29	3	(NA)	4.80	(NA)
Slidell	88.1	74.3	81.2	81.8	-0.6	3.46	5	1.84	14.53	8.16
Extreme/Average	88.1	74.3	81.2	81.7	-0.6	2.88	5	1.84	9.66	8.16
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.4	(NA)	1.00	3	0.16	4.10	0.00
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	87.1	75.3	81.2	82.5	-1.3	2.19	6	0.94	3.53	-1.12
Oberlin Fire	88.5	74.3	81.4	82.0	-0.6	2.59	3	1.73	8.55	4.61
Extreme/Average	87.8	74.8	81.3	82.3	-0.9	1.93	6	0.94	5.39	1.16
South central										
Donaldsonville	89.7	73.4	81.6	81.8	-0.2	2.82	7	1.60	6.51	1.49
Jeanerette	89.0	74.2	81.6	82.2	-0.6	3.22	5	2.21	10.33	5.14
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	88.9	76.0	82.4	82.2	0.3	1.15	5	-0.58	6.23	0.20
Extreme/Average	89.2	74.5	81.9	82.0	-0.2	2.40	7	1.08	7.69	2.28
Southeast										
Galliano	88.8	76.5	82.7	82.6	0.1	4.17	6	2.56	11.11	4.85
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.33	6	1.22	9.85	5.22
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	88.3	77.7	83.0	84.1	-1.2	0.00	0	-0.39	5.01	0.08
Extreme/Average	88.5	77.1	82.8	83.4	-0.6	2.17	6	1.13	8.66	3.38
State	91.6	74.3	83.0	82.2	0.8	1.31	4	0.47	4.83	1.45

(NA) Not available.
¹ Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.
² Departure from normal.